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1. The airfield northwest of Chuguyev ($36^{\circ}41'E/49^{\circ}50'N$), Ukrainian SSR, southwest of the asphalt road to Kharkov ($36^{\circ}15'E/50^{\circ}0'N$), had a concrete runway, 30 meters x 1 to 2 km.
2. The following installations and buildings were available:
 - a. Two hangars in operation and three destroyed hangars.
 - b. Two blocks of four-story barracks buildings, each 20 x 50 meters.
 - c. A fuel dump, the tanks of which were 10 to 12 meters long, 4 meters in diameter and one quarter underground.
3. The airfield was occupied by:
 - a. Eight to ten trainers: Mid-wing monoplanes, in-line engine, wheels and tail skid not

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retractable, two-bladed propeller, open cockpit. The planes flew individually and in formations.

b. NCO officer candidates with "three bars and light blue stripes on the cap" were quartered in the barracks.

4. The airfield northwest of Chuguyev, southwest of the road to Kharkov, extended 2 km along this road. A hanger, a repair hanger and six three-story barracks buildings were in the northeast section of the field. There were no concrete runways.
5. The airfield was occupied by about 20 single-engine aircraft with retractable landing gear, according to Soviet soldiers, of Yak-7 type. The planes were ready for service. There was local flying during the day but none at night.
6. Twin-engine aircraft landed at the field at irregular intervals. They were commercial planes according to Soviets but military aircraft according to fellow-PWs since parachute jumps were often observed from them in the evening.
7. Soviets said that a pilot school was at the field. The number of pilot students was estimated at about 100.

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Comment:

The observations [] confirm and supplement previous reports on a pilot school for beginners, probably for training of fighter pilots, at the Chuguyev airfield.

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